

# SWOSU Theatrical Productions Nominated for Regional Competition

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University Theatre on the Weatherford campus was recently honored by receiving nominations for the Regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) for both of its fall productions.

*Kid-Simple: A Radio Play in the Flesh* and *The Grove at the Gate: A Rashomon Tale* were nominated by representatives of the regional committee of KCACTF. The full committee will meet December 4-6 to select a slate of productions to advance to the regional festival which will be held at the end of February, 2010.

Steve Strickler, director of the productions, said it is quite an honor for the university to receive this type of recognition since both productions were chosen for consideration. As of December 1, there were only 19 productions that received this honor out of all of the participating colleges and universities in a six-state region comprised of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Missouri.

The SWOSU theatre department has had the privilege of moving to the regional level four different times.

Strickler said the goals of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival are to:

- encourage, recognize, and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theater programs;
- provide opportunities for participants to develop their theater skills and insight; and achieve professionalism;
- improve the quality of college and university theater in America;
- encourage colleges and universities to give distinguished productions of new plays, especially those written by students; the classics, revitalized or newly conceived; and experimental works.

SWOSU has actively participated in KCACTF for many years. This is the 12th year that SWOSU has received a nomination to the regional festival.